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Dennis L. Lauper

From The Publisher's Notebook

Blackout

Many of our readers were disappointed by "the blackout" of General Conference by the media last October. For several years we have been favored by one telecast on Sunday morning (albeit sometimes for only one hour) and the afternoon session by radio (station KEEN from San Jose).

Goodwill

Since the Bay Area is a locality too far from Salt Lake to receive direct transmission and as yet the Church owns no station in Northern California, we have to depend on the "goodwill" of the local stations and the F.C.C. requirement that they carry so many programs each year as a public service.

Occasionally this puts our conference broadcasts in competition with the station's commercial interests, or even worse...in competition with some other "public service" program such as a big sports event etc. In either case the Conference program is usually cut.

During the last conference only those who could receive Channel 13 were favored with the Sunday Morning telecast, while the radio broadcast was delayed an hour (without notice) so that most everyone missed it, and KGO carried one session from S.F. the following Sunday.

Solution

There is a solution to the problem which readily presents itself, if the local Mormon Colony has sufficient interest. This would be to transmit the proceedings of the conference live to the Interstake center by closed-wire TV circuit. This has been done for some time to the BYU Fieldhouse in Provo, plus selected locations in Salt Lake.

We have a location available to us without additional cost which will comfortably seat over 2200 people in the big Interstake Auditorium. What we need is an expression of interest from each of you to put over this project.

Will you kindly take the time to drop a brief note or postal card to the Messenger and let us know how you feel about it.

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A commendable community service has been instituted by Herrick Memorial Hospital and its Inservice Volunteers Guild in

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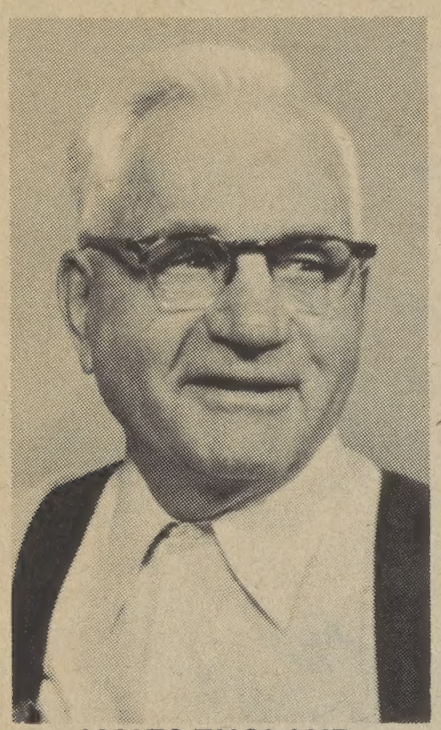
James Henry England Taken By Death October 3, 1970



JAMES ENGLAND
Taken by death Oct. 3

James Henry England, ninety five, passed away October 3rd, 1970, after surgery on a broken hip sustained in a fall near the rest home where he had lived for the past year.

James was born June 13th, 1875, in Plain City, Utah. He was the second child of thirteen children. He married Elizabeth H. Draper in the Logan Temple and La Rilda Holder was born of this marriage.

After his wife's sudden illness and death, he married Margaret Ellen Griffiths in the Salt Lake Temple. Seven children came of this marriage: Rosetta Thomas of San Leandro, Lloyd, now passed away, Edythe of Grass Valley, John of Nevada City, La Pree of Agnew, Mark of Oakland and Walter of Concord.

There are twenty seven grandchildren and forty two great grandchildren.

James was Second Counselor in the Diamond Ward Bishopric. His compassionate spirit made him loved by everyone with whom he came in contact. On his retirement from the City of Oakland, he devoted all his time and efforts to various church callings. He worked diligently for years on the Church Farm in east Oakland and was put in charge of the Church Cannery.

He and his wife Margaret received a call to work for the dead, in the Mesa, Arizona Temple where they filled an eighteen month mission. He often spoke of the joy that temple work gave him and appreciated the wonderful opportunity to save souls. He was one of the first full-time workers called for the Oakland Temple, until his health began to fail.

Through all his days, he was a fine example of a truly dedicated, conscientious and humble man; a true servant of the Lord.

William Melvin Sessions Called In Hayward 4

William Melvin Sessions has been called to serve as Second Counselor in the Hayward Fourth Ward Bishopric, replacing C. Wayne Finell. Brother Sessions recently moved his family into the ward from the Alameda Second Ward. He is a career Navy man with 29 years in the service.

He and his family have been active in the church all their lives. He has served in many positions including Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School Teacher, Assist. MIA Superintendent, Stake MIA Board, Deacons Quorum Advisor, Branch Clerk and Branch President.

While in the Alameda Second Ward he was called and ordained a High Priest. Bro. Sessions was born in Salt Lake City, Utah and baptized in 1932. He was ordained an Elder in 1942 and married in the Salt Lake Temple in 1952.

Bro. Sessions wife is Marilyn Velna and they have three children living at home, James, Gary and Jeni. They have a son William in the Navy and a daughter, Cheryl, married.

It is our prayer that the Lord will bless Bro. Sessions in this important new calling.

January Concert Features Talented Hugo Gehrke Family

The Interstake Center's January concert, at 4 p.m., Sunday January 4, 1971 will feature the talented family of Dr. Hugo Gehrke -- well known teacher and organist of the Bay Area, and the East.

This is a "first", and the varied program will include voice and a number of other instruments besides the organ. Only one daughter, Marie, who is married to organist Walter Drueger, of Chicago, Ill. will be absent. Mr. Krueger played on this series in June of this year.

Dr. Gehrke, after receiving his Music Doctorate from North-Western University, taught school in the Lutheran Day Schools at Milwaukee, and in Chicago. He is now head of the Music Department of Concordia College, Oakland; teaches organ, piano, choir and theory there, and is Organist-Choirmaster at Zion Lutheran Church, Park Blvd. Piedmont. He taught several summer sessions at River Forest, Ill, and at St. Louis, Mo. He has concertized a great deal, and is in great demand as an organ consultant to churches considering changes or purchases of organs.

Selda was a member of Hugo's choir. She not only sings, but is a capable violinist, and performs with various chamber orchestras. As their children arrived, they were started on music at the early ages of four, five, or six -- depending on the time they showed interest -- and Selda sat with them at their practice, accounting, probably, for their efficiency and continued interest. Her father was a school teacher and choir director at Emmanuel Lutheran, Milwaukee, and when he passed on, Hugo took both of those jobs. Naturally he met the daughter, and they soon fell in love.

Richard Gehrke is Organist - Choirmaster at Trinity Lutheran Church, Walnut Creek. He also works as a banker, in San Francisco, and has concertized widely.

Norma studies voice with Dr. Marshall Harvey, of Monterey; piano with Julian White, and is a music major at Merritt College, Oakland.

Rodney, the youngest, is a sophomore at Concordia Lutheran Height School. He studies violin at S.F. Conservatory, with Wm. Pynchon, piano with Marilyn Thompson, and organ with his father. He has performed both at Hertz Hall, University of California, and in the Interstake Center, as a winning organist for the Junior Bach Festival.

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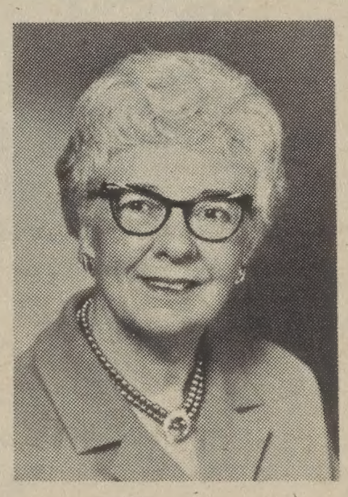

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Concord Stake Oakgrove Ward Divided October 25

OAKGROVE 2 BISHOPRIC--(left to right) E. H. Cal, 1st Counselor, Orlande D. Heaton, Bishop and Donald Hicken, 2nd Counselor

OAKGROVE WARD BISHOPRIC--(left to right) David Christenson, 1st Counselor, Gerald Lee Thompson, Bishop and John Reading, 2nd Counselor

By Boots Barrus

Latter-day Saints of the Oakgrove Ward gathered in the chapel on October 25th to witness the division of the ward and witness the creation of the new Oakgrove 2nd Ward. President Ted E. Madsen presided and conducted the meeting.

With approximately 965 members the Oakgrove Ward, after division, was left with a 475 membership and 125 families. Oakgrove 2 acquired a 554 membership with 155 families, with Oakgrove Road and Meadow Lane becoming the dividing line

Bishop Orlande D. Heaton, and his counselors E. H. Call and Donald Hicken were released as the Oakgrove Bishopric but recalled back to the same positions as the new Bishopric of the Oakgrove 2 Ward. New Bishopric for the Oakgrove Ward were Gerald Lee Thompson, Bishop, with David Christenson called as 1st Counselor and John Reading, 2nd Counselor.

All were called upon to express themselves through their testimonies and President Madsen concluded with sage advice that divine authority, revelation and inspiration are received with each calling.

President Ernest I. Adams, President Raymond F. Evanson and members of the High Council also witnessed the creation of the Eleventh Ward of the Concord Stake. Thus by dividing, Concord Stake is rapidly multiplying.

DENNIS L. LAUPER President of the Alameda County Association for the Mentally Retarded, as a delegate to the 21st Annual Convention of the National Association for Retarded Children in Minneapolis, Minnesota, congratulates Pamela Anne Eldred, 1970's Miss America. The 22-year-old beauty queen received a Meritorious Service Award at the Association's closing banquet for her outstanding efforts in promoting the needs of mentally retarded children during her tour of major American Cities. Bro. Lauper, of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake, is also chairman of the Genealogical Library in Northern California.

San Leandro Stake Sponsors Bazaar

By Loraine Scott, Associate Editor

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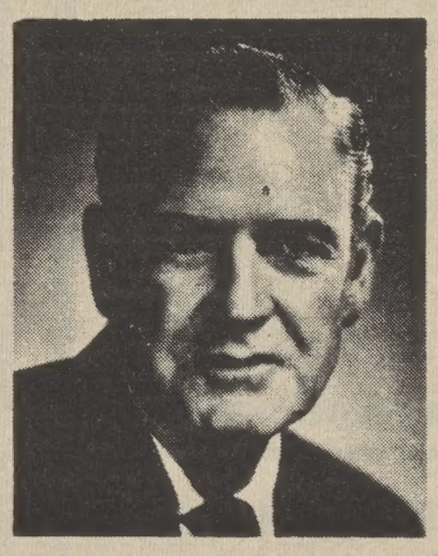

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Close To Home

The Ward News In Review

Daly City

Corinne N. O'Neal

People watching people...at the Parent-Youth night held at the San Francisco Stake House.

The people came...and there was standing room only. And among the people were minuscule me and minuscule you watching others and they, in turn, watching you and me.

Old friends met without pretense and the calm, satisfying assurance which only accumulative years can give. The relationship is more than friendship. It is a bond of understanding acceptance. How is it with you and yours? they ask, Are you well and happy?

And there were the boy watchers and girl watchers, individually and in clusters. Restless, provocative, not missing a moment of the awareness of being young, watching and being watched.

There were other relationships, parents, children, friends, acquaintances and, suddenly, a definite and cleancut division-the participants and the spectators.

"Take Thou the Following" was uniquely presented. The staging was efficiently clever and colorful and the performers were most capable in their depictation of the art of role switching.

The play is over and the spectators thanked the performers and leaders with long applause. And then, in the preparation of returning to one's private surroundings, family unity and accumulated artifacts, one's individuality becomes predominant and the minuscule you and minuscule me are back to our individual important roles.

And this is the way it should be.

MIA and the Bishop's Youth Council have planned a big hayride on Wednesday, November 25th from 6 to 11:30. It will be started at the Big Oakes Stables in Cull Canyon. Lori Maldonado was one of the active participants in planning this exciting activity.

Bro. Berlin Shumate is in charge of the ward magazines. As a good Christmas gift, he suggested: $4.00 buys 1 year of "The Ensign." $3.00 buys 1 year of "The New Era", or "The Friend." The first issue of the "Ensign" will be accompanied by a flexible recording which can be used on individual record players. It will be a recording by the First Presidency to all Church families.

Pres. McClellan announced during the ward conference that Pres. Nathan Eldon Tanner will be the Stake Conference guest on December 5-6. He admonished all ward members to attend. The MIA youth in the stake have been invited to sing during the morning session on December 6th.

Bro. Shane has been called to aid in the new teaching program which will begin in January. He will be helping the Priesthood teachers and the Bishop in administering this new program.

Hayward

Phyllis Lagerholm

Ward Conference was held on Sunday, November 15th. The theme of the conference was taken from Doctrine and Covenants 6:6-9. Many of the ward members as well as Stake leaders spoke. The Bishop admonished the ward members to improve and to increase in their blessings which can be acquired by greater activity and enthusiasm for the work of the Lord.

Greater attendance in Sacrament Meeting, greater participation in having Family Home Evening, as well as paying tithing and fast offering were mentioned. Riches do not come from worldly wealth but from the fruits of the Spirit.

San Leandro

By Elisabeth W. Frye

John Decker is home on 30 days leave from duty in Viet Nam. He will be reassigned to duty in the states.

Word has been received of the engagement of Dick Thompson and Rhonda Hendrickson of Fremont. Dick is the son of Berthel and Enid Thompson.

The two San Leandro Wards sponsored "The Youth of America" at the Interstake Center on November 7. Eric Nelson, of San Leandro Ward, is one of the group. It was really good entertainment and a lot of talent was displayed. The proceeds from ticket sales and donations will be used toward the purchase of a new organ.

A free dinner was given for San Leandro Ward members on Friday, November 13. There was good attendance at the dinner.

Gloria Randall, second daughter of Elwood and Naoma Randall, will be home on the 25th of November, the day before Thanksgiving. She has been in Argentina on a mission for two years and two months.

Brother Eric Bundy has been transferred by his employer to the Los Angeles area. He and his wife moved Wednesday the 18th. Their son, Jerry, who is in the Army, is in Germany. Recently he received "Soldier of the Week" recognition. Another son, Mike, is in Hawaii. Their daughter, Sharon, who is married, lives in Northern California . Last month she was visiting her parents and San Leandro Ward to have her baby girl blessed.

Pittsburg

By Boots Barrus & Thora Astie

Newly appointed Young Married Leaders, Michael and Donna McLean started the new M.I.A. year off with their first Fireside event held at the home of Mrs. Naomi Mulcahy in late October. Invited as special guests were High Councilman Kent and Sis. Payne, speakers for the evening and Bro. and Sis. Daniel Null, Stake Young Married Leaders.

Subject treated by the speakers was the love and respect shown for each other as husband and wife and what we all can do for each other in making a happy home.

Refreshments were served by the host and hostesses to Sis. Irel Barrus, Bro. and Sis. Ellsworth Christiansen, Sis. Verda Hughes, Sis. Dorothy Cline, Bro. and Sis. Glene Payne, Bro. and Sis. Keith Sawyer, and the invited guests.

Congratulations to Bro. and Sis. Ralph Krey, who recently were sealed in the Oakland Temple. Traveling from Ogden were Bro. and Sis. Reed Roberts, brother of Sis. Krey, who also witnessed the sealing of their daughter and son-in-law, Bro. and Sis. Schindler of Reno, Nevada.

Friends attending the ceremonies were Bro. and Sis. Glen Payne, Sis. Irel Barrus, Bro. LaFarr Astle, Sis. Vera Sawyer and Bro. and Sis. Rhoda Magleby of Pittsburg; Bro. and Sis. Nick Buccellato came from Brentwood and Dr. and Sis. Paul Krey of Brentwood also witnessed the ceremonies with Dr. Krey being sealed to his parents. Best wishes are extended to this fine family.

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Balboa

By Bill Marquardt

This is the season of parties, conversions and fellowshipping. Halloween parties abounded in Balboa Ward of San Francisco Stake.

The Balboa-Daly City joint MIA held its Halloween party "The Blob" on the 27th. It was followed on the 28th by the Primary party organized by Sister Carpenetti.

On the 30th the ward Halloween party featured Robert Miller as Count Dracula and master of ceremonies. It was organized by the Sixth Quorum of Elders and Larry Wilson.

Balboa Ward was in charge of the spook alley at the Stake Halloween party and dance on the 31st.

After the parties, about 45 members reported election vote counts from 10 precincts for NES and 4 persons were baptized--Al Carpenetti, Albert Smith, Christine Mallone and Jim Fowler. Michael William Marquardt was named and blessed November 1.

Richard Liddell was appointed and sustained as Senior Aaronic Priesthood secretaray. Mark Abel was appointed and sustained as Teachers Quorum advisor.

The Relief Society sponsored a dehydrated foods party on November 20, after the Elders Quorum had a party on November 13.

A ward Christmas party is planned for December 18.

Walnut Creek

We share Elder Bryan Lindberg's regret that health terminated his mission to the Great Lakes area prematurely, but we rejoice with him in his success. In the ten months he labored in the field, mostly in Indiana and among the poor (in worldly goods), he brought 16 converts into the Kingdom. He gave an inspiring report at Sacrament meeting October 11, a most eloquent testimony, and manifested a beautiful spirit that was reflected in his audience.

Walnut Creek Ward had two of Las Lomas High School's Homecoming Princesses for the October event; Cheryl Crowell representing the Freshman class and Lori Bosler the Juniors. Lori is also a song girl at Las Lomas, as is Georgia Gubler of Walnut Creek 2nd Ward.

Holly Smith is a cheer leader at Del Valle High School again this year. Sheona Gray, a non-member as yet, but very active among our young people, is a song girl at Del Valle.

Each girl who wants to go to camp- and who doesn't?- is urged by Bishop Henderson and officers of the YWMIA to earn at least $10 toward paying for her camp next summer. One excellent opportunity is service at the camp booth in the Ward Bazaar November 6. Girls interested should tell Betty Fleming or Diana Mackey. Sister Fleming can give other ideas on how to earn money throughout the year. Camp money can be earned on the individual's own initiative, too. One suggestion is to give Sister Fleming money as it is earned and she will keep account of it.

Our sympathies are extended to the Snel family on the death of grandmother Helena Catharine Snel of the infirmities of age, compounded by an injury in a fall a year ago. Sister Snel died October 22, aged 84. Services were held October 24. Patriarch Kenneth D. Jensen, Bishop Joseph W. Brown, Duane Crimin of the bishopric, Sister Ruth Brown. and N. Hurley Pratt participated.

Sympathy, also, to Jane Reed and her daughter Kimberly and Cathleen, whose husband and father died at Phoenix, Arizona, October 19. Funeral services were held here Friday, conducted by Duane Crimin, with Joseph W. Brown as speaker.

San Lorenzo 1

-from The Stimulator

During December you will go to a Stake dance, a basketball game, an Interstake Dance, a Fireside, participate in an MIA Christmas party, enjoy 3 or 4 days in the snow and then top if off with---a new year's dance at our Ward on Dec. 31 from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Darolynne Sylvia described this as a "Stake" affair with our Ward being the sponsors.

This is a big affair for all those 14 years of age or over. It will be semi-formal. There will be live music and refreshments.

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So see Bro. Gaipa today.

It is now official. Monday night throughout the Church is reserved for Family Home Evening.

As stated in a recent "Priesthood Bulletin", "In a recent meeting the First Presidency and Council of the Twelve approved the setting aside of Monday night for holding family home evening throughout the entire Church. Encouragement is now given to---reserve Monday evening for family home evening."

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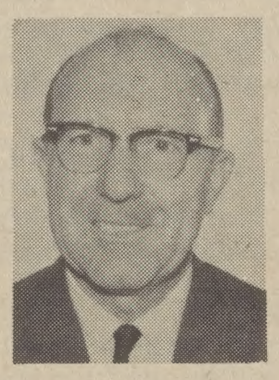

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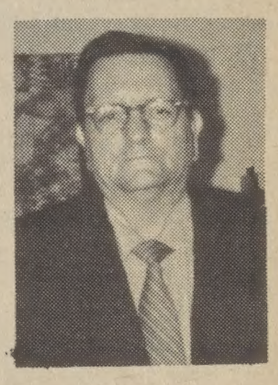

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Castro Valley 2 Sponsors Flag Flying Program

By Dennis L. Lauper
Publisher

We just learned of an innovative, going project in Castro Valley which shows lots of class and imagination, and is worthy of commendation.

For eight years continuously, the Castro Valley Second Ward MIA has sponsored a flag service project. The service consists of supplying a U.S. flag on a 10 ft. pole and flying it ten times per year in a previously installed concrete and metal receptacle at the subscriber's home.

At the present time there are 140 customers who pay $10.00 per year for the privilege of flying our nation's flag from dawn till dusk on the approved days with no further effort on their part.

A committee chaired by Dale Halbert arranges the details which sees that the flags are kept clean and in good order, solicits new customers and installs the receptacles. The money is used by the scouts and explorers of the ward for projects which they approve such as a water skiing trip to San Felipe in the carribean, and a Scuba Diving class for 19, complete with gear.

Accolades should go to Bill Quiner, Explorer Leader and Mark Facer, Scoutmaster for their leadership in teaching the boys flag respect, patriotism, teamwork and financial resourcefulness. Congratulations go to the boys and their parents who arise early each holiday to fulfill their contract of getting the flags out at sunup and gather them at the end of the day..for their cooperation and industry, along with their Mutual leaders.

Some of those who pioneered this project and came up with the idea which has been copied in other areas are George Blazin, Don Brown, and Bill Fichter. They say the idea is not copyrighted so sic 'em tiger and make some money for your ward!

Golden Question has Two-Way Gift Idea

Books for Christmas can be two-way gifts under a Christmas shopping idea announced by the Golden Question Bookshop, 2218 MacArthur Boulevard.

George Larsen, a member of the Oakland Fourth Ward outlines the plan:

Each ward member who purchases books for birthdays, Christmas, anniversaries, before Christmas 1970, may sign his sales receipt, write down the name of his ward and stake and deposit the slip in a container.

Receipts will be totalled and every ward which shows $500 or more gross purchases will receive a contribution of 5 per cent of the gross sales. The check will be sent to the Bishop.

The Golden Question Bookshop is opn 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Mail orders will count also. If there are any questions, readers are invited to phone 261-2525.

Judith Baks Wins Twelfth Award

For Judith Baks of The San Francisco Ward of the San Francisco Stake who is the daughter of Brother and Sister Jay V. Banks, 1970 marks the twelth year she has received an annual award within the L.D.S. Girls Program.

To add to her honors, recently Judy earned her Golden Gleaner Award. To do so she compiled a record of accomplishments in many facets of church activities including participation in M.I.A. plays, choruses, camping and sporting events, and in both speech and dance festivals.

Presently Judy is a teacher in the Junior Sunday School of the San Francisco Ward. For several years she has served as a member of the San Francisco Stake M-Men and Gleaner Council serving as both the Secretary and as the representative of her ward.

Upon receiving the Golden Gleaner pin, Judy observed that she looks upon earning the award as a growing experience.

Debbie Proctor Tops Concord Stake Ping Pong Tournament

The spirit of competition can be exciting, whether the sport be basketball or football, volleyball or ping-pong.

When the Beehive girls of Concord Stake get together for their annual ping-pong tournament, as they did recently, excitement is the only word to describe the proceedings.

When the shouting and slamming was over, Debbie Proctor of Clayton Valley Ward had emerged as the tournament's outstanding player. She placed first in the singles division and teamed with Michel Sommers of the same ward to win the doubles division competition.

Julie Thompson of Ygnacio Valley Ward was second in the singles division, followed by Peggy Cunningham of Antioch Ward.

In doubles, Robin Shurtleff and Debbie Kohler of Oak Grove Ward placed second, and Julie Thompson and Lorry Johnson of Ygnacio Valley Ward were third.

Sportsmanship winners were Peggy Cunningham in singles, and Julie Thompson and Lorry Johnson in doubles play.

Scorekeeper was Janice Cox; officials were Karen Carorll, Jean Maxfield and Linda Redden, with other assistants.

According to Ruby Rossberg, stake sports director, the competition was stiff.

"The girls played hard, but had a good time and displayed great sportsmanship," she expressed following the tournament. "We certainly appreciate the efforts of those who contributed toward making the event a big success."

"Only God Can Make A Tree..."

Joyce Kilmer

San Francisco Stake's Christmas Tree Farm

I am an old, newly painted red barn. I have lived with many generations. I am loved.

Man does not create. He can use only that which was created for him.

It is here...in sylvan quietness..that God speaks so clearly to us...if we will but listen.

Narration By
Corrine O'Neal

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Chester Sudderth

When Is A Christmas Tree Farm More Than A Christmas Tree Farm?

Let's take a journey together...down scenic Coast Highway 1 to Half Moon Bay...a few miles of indescribable beauty with the Pacific Ocean below with its many moods in color and movement...areas ravaged by the hand of man...and yet, strangely, there remains still virgin land as it was in the beginning. This supreme beauty reminds one of the ancient Navajo prayer:

Beauty is above me
Beauty is below me
Beauty is to the right of me
Beauty is to the left of me
Beauty surrounds me
Beauty is love
Love is God.

As we continue our journey we know that our purpose and mission is not empty of heart, empty of mind, empty of hand. Our motivation for going...is the gift of sharing. We, who have the health, the physical strength, the intellect, and the affluence to make this journey silently compare our gifts to those who cannot do so..we think of the shut-ins who yearn with all their hearts to be released from their prisons of inability...and each day whisper a small, wishful prayer...to be and do as we are.

We arrive at a place of peace and beauty..the Christmas Tree Farm...God's land. A small portion set aside for the use of the Church of Latter Day Saints..in accordance with the wisdom and wishes of God to provide a place for the basic needs and spiritual uplift of his children.

Whenever one becomes involved in thoughts in behalf of others, then one has gone beyond the physical and has become spiritual.

When one lifts a forkful of grass, or trims a tree, one is thereby stretching and using muscles...and in so doing keeps the body healthy, firm, strong and young.

And, when one stops for a few moments to relax and take a deep breath of glorious fresh air, one is expanding the lungs...a necessary physical function thereby creating an act of longevity.

And when it is time for a lunch break it is more than just replenishment for the body...you are breaking bread with your Sisters and Brothers..a loving symbol of the past.

Then, as you discover an olive tree, a wild strawberry patch, a nest in the trees, a salamander...you have taken a walk into...adventure.

And in the spring when you pull the wild mustard plants (which are just unwanted flowers!) from within the row and rows of fresh, spring-green tipped Christmas trees (and you fully believe you will never stand upright again!)...then you have faced and conquered..a challenge.

And, yes, there is communication. You listen to the wind in the trees...and childishly wonder..From where did you come? Where are you going? Why is it that I can feel and hear your presence...yet I cannot see you?

You gaze across the productive land. You see fathers and mothers and grandparents and children...and here within these groupings are knowledge and the acceptance of the evolution of life...the beginning, progression, and the ending...which is the beginning.

No! one cannot go to the Christmas Tree Farm empty of heart, empty of mind, empty of hand. For these fleeting moments in the giving of self one has had the memorable experience of sharing and being...my Father and I are as one.

I am the land. Send me men who will respect and revere me. My largess for you and those who will come is beyond measure.

Work is not work...it is a privilege. It is escapism from boredom.

I am only a minute beginning but.....I promise you much.

THEN.....

He lived there, old and alone, now that his brother had died, in a small house, equally as old. He knew that time was the decision maker. And so he sold his 22 acre nursery farm to the Church of Latter Day Saints. He walked upon his land, their land, where the daffodils were happy, the heather secure, and now and then he stooped to pull a weed from among the lilies. This was his goodby.

AND NOW....

Oh! time and change! Members of the San Francisco Stake transferred production to artichokes, peas and beans and later the land was leased two years for pumpkin production. Then an idea was born...a Christmas Tree Farm!

It was in 1964 that the first 2000 trees were planted. This meant clearing and burning the brush on the upper hillside and plowing the land. It was the present Bishop Heaton (Daly City Ward) who operated the tractor and disced the land. Today ten acres are in trees.

The old house is gone but the timber is still being utilized. A dam was constructed across the quiet, perennial brook and a pump house and sprinkler system installed. Kenneth Glew, (San Francisco Ward), Farm Committeeman (and instructor in all phases of the farm) (386-3430) is a part of the land. His love and care is as strongly rooted as the tallest eucalyptus tree. Today there are permanent stops to and from the dam, a playground is being developed for small children, and, there is some thinking about tree grafting and also the acquisition of boysenberry culture.

IT IS A FUN PLACE...

It was Nixon Young (Daly City Ward) who provided the table and benches for picnics...small or large groups. He utilized the lumber from the old house and today you will also discover a table with benches made especially for tiny tots. And it is here in almost total quietness among the trees and the little people, that the Boy Scouts have their overnight campouts, where holiday family outings take place, evening luasus, not to mention cookouts for the various wards.

YOU ARE INVITED...

To visit the Christmas Tree Farm. During the Christmas Season come and choose and cut your very own special fragrant, green tree. All are $5.00 (3 to 20 feet with free greenery!). The trees are symetrical, bushy, fragrant, beautiful. Bring your family, come as a group, bring a community truck...and when you come wear outdoor clothing, bring a lunch. We invite you to come and walk among the trees...each will welcome you!

HOW TO GET THERE...

From the East Bay (freeway-highway all the way!) an easy, picturesque and interesting route. Over the Bay Bridge, continue on freeway and take Daly City turnoff. Continue on city freeway to SECOND Daly City turnoff (Daly city-Westlake). Then continue straight through Westlake proper to the top of the hill (big intersection) and turn left on Highway 1. Continue to where the highway splits, take the right-hand road (Coast Highway) and continue along the scenic coast highway, through Half Moon Bay but get prepared! for the first turnoff is left on Higgins Purisima Road. Take it. Soon you will see a sign indicating "San Francisco Stake Farm", where adventure awaits you!

SAN FRANCISCO STAKE'S CHRISTMAS WISH FOR ALL...

"Teach ye diligently...of things both in heaven and in the earth, and under the earth, things which have been, things which are, things which must shortly come to pass...."(D&C 88:78-79)

Girls From Eleven Wards Join In Laurelife Meeting

By Boots Barrus

October 24 found the Concord Chapel filled with happy youthful laughter when the M.I.A. girls of the Concord Stake's eleven wards gathered for the first Laurelife Conference which was inspired by the Laurels who earlier in the year were selected and attended the All-Girls Laurel Conference in Provo, Utah.

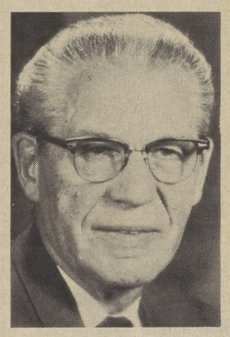
These same five spearheaded the plans which culminated in a day which will long be remembered.

Diana Christ acted as Chairman, with her Councilors Sandi Hawkins and Stephanie Madsen assisting. Cheryl Stan and Chris Warner took care of secretarial details.

The events started with a Laurientation which was followed by a fashion show entitled "Through the Looking Glass", narrated by Carolyn Tueller and fashions were displayed by the girls from the different wards. Many outstanding creations were viewed as the girls exhibited their talents in the sewing world.

After brunch, many Workshops were held with each girls selecting which subjects and category would fill her special interests and needs. These were taught by invited guest of Concord Stake and several other invited guests of other stakes.

The general Assembly was held at 4:30 and concluding the day a "Laurelanny" was held which terminated the eventful day of inspiration and fun.



LATTER-DAY SAINT CONFERENCE-President N. Eldon Tanner, Second Counselor in the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, spoke at the Hayward Stake Conference Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6, in Hayward.

President Tanner is a former Canadian oil executive, civic leader, legislator and provincial cabinet. He was called to be an apostle in October 1962, while presiding over the West European Mission of the Church.

The Conference session was held Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Interstake Center, 26101 Gading Road. Stake President D. Ross McClellan, P.O. Box 90 (1737 D Street), presided.

Gala New Years Eve Dance Set

Five stakes have joined efforts this year to sponsor the annual M-Men and Gleaner New Year's Eve Dance to be held Thursday Night, December 31 at the Interstake Center. The dance will run from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m.

The theme is "Have A Happy..."

Entertainment will feature the Walt Tolleson Band which has appeared frequently in the Bay Area and been featured at the LDS cultural arts events.

A buffet dinner, to be served at 10 p.m., will be highlighted with roast beef, ham, turkey, rare exotic drinks, and many other delicious items to thrill the sophisticated palate.

Sponsoring Stakes include Oakland-Berkeley, San Leandro, Hayward, Fremont, and Walnut Creek.

Tickets are $6 per couple in advance or $8 at the door. For tickets contact your ward M-Men and Gleaner representative.

Church News Gains Readers

The enthusiastic response by members of the Church in the Bay Area and Northern California to the California edition of the Church News has resulted in a substantial increase in subscriptions, according to Northern California Church News Representative, Thomas C. Brown.

Brown, a member of the Walnut Creek Stake, has been directing the editorial and subscription effort on behalf of the Salt Lake City based Church News since the California edition was established a year ago.

"The purpose of the California edition is to provide pertinent news about the growth and progress of the Church in this area while also providing up-to-the-minute coverage of happenings around the world," Brown said.

Because California has such a substantial number of Latter Day Saints, directors of the publication felt there was a need to include more California news for subscribers in this area, Brown explained.

Subscriptions for the Church News can be ordered through local ward Church News representatives or by filling in the coupon attached to the Church News advertisement in this issue of the Messenger.

Viewing Time Changed For Owens Show

"The Vitality of Mormonism," Gordon Owens popular Friday morning broadcast over channel 2, KTVU, has been changed to 7:45 a.m.

Brother Owens discusses all facets of Mormonism for the viewing public and uses narration, slides, films and video tape.

The new time will permit more business men to view the 15-minute exploration of the great features of Mormonism.

Close To Home

San Lorenzo 2

by Loraine Scott

"No, No, a thousand times No!" "Bessie The Bandit's Beautiful Baby" by Leland Price was presented by the 5th Quorum of Elders in the San Lorenzo 2nd Ward on Nov. 23rd.

I have to say in all honesty that it was one of the funniest melodramas I have ever seen! I laughed at the riduculous lines such as "Never fear, I am here," and "I as pure as the driven snow."

I hissed at the villain who made unfair advances at the innocent Bessie. I cheered when the hero rushed in and saved the heroine from the clutches of Melbourne Basehart, the Simon Legree of the Elder's Quorum.

If I were really a critic I would give this play, cast entirely of Elders, a double (no, a triple!) star rating for the wonderul Home Evening full of entertainment.

Like all opening nights the leading lady, Bessie Bunting, played by the impeccable Ed Bertola, received a bouquet of flowers from the cast. Well done, Elders!

Richmond

By Mima Williams

The ward was saddened by the recent death of Mabel Trottier who passed away at the age of 79. Sister Trottier has been very active the Relief Society and ward choir. She is survived by six children, Mrs. Ruby Fife, Fort Collins, Colordo; Earl Trottier, Novato, Calif.; Wallace Trottier, Kearns, Utah; Robert O. Trottier, Bountiful, Utah; Eugene A. Trottier, Whitter, Calif.; and Leonard F. Trottier of El Cerrito, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Ruth Toms, Salt Lake City, Two brothers: Henry Molter, Washington, D.C., and Albert Molter of Lakewood, Calif; 22 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Sister Trottier was born August 22, 1891 at Salt Lake City, Utah and was the daughter of Henry A. Molter and Mary Christen Miller. She died Nov. 4, 1970. On June 21, 1916 she married Mazsel H. Trottier in Salt Lake City, Utah. He preceeded her in death.

Services were held at the Civic Center Wilson Kratzler Mortuary with Bishop Harry Wilson Jr. presiding. Bishop Harold E. DeLaMare delivered the memorial sermon with Bishop Earl L. Amtoft and Bishop Delbert Carman offering the invocation and benediction. Vocal solo, "In The Garden" was sung by James S. Adams with Frances Mahoney as organist. Organ selections included "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked". Concluding services were held at Sunset Cemetery in El Cerrito.

Funeral services were held recently for Minnie Jarvis Nesselrode who died Nov. 8 at the age of 81. Survivors include three children, Mr. Melba Holley and Max E. Parkinson, both of Richmond and Keith H. Parkinson of Oregon; a brother, Lorenzo Jarvis of Idaho; 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Services were held at the Civic Center Wilson Kratzler Mortuary with Bishop Harry Wilson Jr. presiding. Raymond E. Gilbert delivered the memorial sermon. Concluding services were held at Rolling Hills Memorial Park in Richmond. mond.

Hayward 2

By Lynette Maughan

Due to the departure from the ward of brother Bill Staffanson, former 2nd counselor in the Bishopric it was necessary to replace him. Bishop Joe Supinger chose brother Jerry Goodwin to be his new second counselor and Brother Bates Brian remains as first counselor.

Our ward held its final Bazaar November 14th. It was a real success. The Elders Quorum provided a very fine Ham dinner.

Several new babies have been born recently. Harold and Terresa McCain have a new little girl, Grant and Lynn Maughan have had another little boy and Lynn and Ellen Dillender have a new little boy. Congratulations!

The church basketball program in the Stake is in full swing. We are encouraged by our Senior and Junior teams. They have both won their first 2 games by wide margins. Keep up the good work.

Hayward 3

This has been a busy month for the members of the Hayward II Ward. Friday, November 6, 1970, was the night of the annual ward talent show. This is the third talent show we have had, and in my opinion, they get better every year. Bro. Dick McDonald was Master of Ceremonies, and he guided us through an evening of delightful entertainment as we witnessed the fine talent of our fellow ward members. The evening began with presentations by our Jr. & Sr. Primary children followed by a lovely ballet number of Charlotte Pulham. Bill Rogers day dreamed of what he would do "If he Were a Rich Man." Six-year old Troy Blacker played an accordion solo, and his little sister Kim, who is four, sang "Ain't She Sweet" accompanied by her mother. This number was really a show stopper as Kim did a beautiful job. Paul McDonald played a drum solo, and Jackie Zendel pantomined a mouse having dinner. Charlotte Pulham had brought her professional dance team, and they danced several numbers for us which were beautiful. Anne Reay played a violin solo, and the newly-converted brothers, Gene and Joe Crotty, played guitar and drums and sang. Guy Lester played the guitar accompanying his sister Laurie singing, "I'm Leaving on a Jet Plane." Terri Stokes ably accompanied herself on the guitar as she sang "Both Sides Now". Sandi Talbot sang the currently popular "Close to You", and we were all surprised to learn of the talents of our Bishop when he played his accordion. Our MIA girls put on a skit and sang a song about rainbows and colors and people. As a grand finale the ward choir sang "Battle Hymn of the Republic." We want to express a special thanks to Bro. Gary Blacker who directed and worked out the talent show which was so much fun.

November 22, was our Ward Conference which was a very spiritual day under the direction of our Stake Presidency. It is always nice to hear from the Stake people and our good ward members.

Friday night, Nov. 27, the Mutual Marrieds had a square dance party which was most delightful. Bro. Gold from Castro Valley came to teach and call the dances. Bro. Terry Ferris had set up a shooting gallery, and we all enjoyed cider, french bread and chili. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this such a pleasant evening.

Golf Series Begins

The monthly East Bay golf tournament series will resume Jan. 9, after a layoff in December.

Walnut Creek Stake will host the tourney, to take place at the Franklin Canyon Golf Course, located off Highway 4 between Martinez and Pinole.

The tournament will be played in the morning, and costs $7.50. Those interested in participating should contact Bruce Rossberg (689-4760) by Dec. 31. Anyone in the Bay Area who enjoys golf is invited to compete.

Polynesians Place Second In Volleyball

By Merle Lahea

Representing the zone for the second consecutive year, the Polynesian Ward, San Francisco Stake Senior Volleyball team journeyed to Salt Lake City to participate in the All-Church volleyball tournament Oct. 30-31.

In the first round of play, the polynesians defeated Manavu 5th (Utah), Pocatello 24th (Idaho) and Phoenix 3rd (Arizona).

On Saturday, the 3-0 Polynesians met 2-0 Thatcher (Arizona), 4-0 Taylorsville (Utah) and 5-0 Perris (California) and defeated each team, giving them 6 wins and no losses and put them in the championship playoff against Cypress 3rd (California). The Polynesians lost to Cypress, and placed second in the All-Church tournament.

Players were: Bishop William Galeai, Kimo Hanohano, Lefiu Iereneo, Wilfred Laeha, Fotu Le'iato, Aaron Makaiwi, Mapu Mauia, Lia Mefi, Pele Scott, Alu Vavao, and Bill Velles, Jr.

On the team are the ward's bishop and his first counselor, an alternate Stake High Councilman, YMMIA Superintendent, his assistant and athletic director, General Secretaries of the Aaronic adult and Aaronic youth, Teachers advisor, Priest's advisor and Sunday School teachers.

Four are high priests. Five are Elders. Fotu Le'iato was recently baptized and is a Deacon.

One of the heartwarming events of the trip took place when the team from Placerville, California, winner of the Sportsmanship award at the last All-Church tournament, presented the Polynesian team with a sportsmanship "trophy" in the shape of a pan used for panning gold, bearing the inscription of the event and further reinforcing the respect and friendship between the two teams. This is a treasured award to the Polynesian team.

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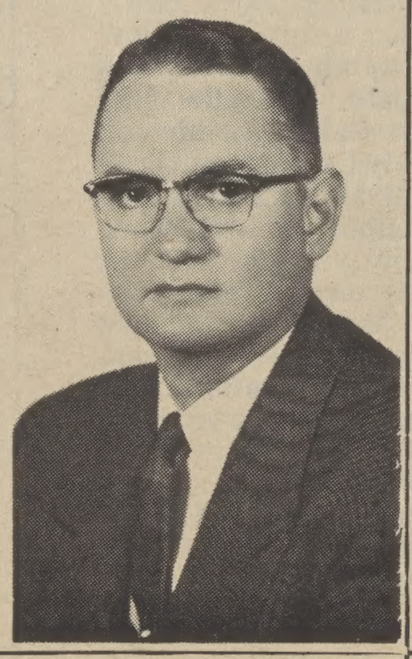

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First Ever For Zone 3...

Pleasant Hill 2 Wins All -Church Junior Title

..(Pleasant Hill II Ward became the first ward in Zone 3 ever to win an All-Church tournament in junior men's competition, as the ward's junior volleyball squad fought its way to the top against the 35 best teams in the Church.

The team, representing Walnut Creek Stake, swept to the championship of the tournament, held Oct. 30-31 in Salt Lake City. It was the third All-Church effort for the boys, who finished in third place in the tournament last spring.

Following is a first-hand report by a Walnut Creek Stake reporter who has followed the progress of the team.)

Winning the first All-Church junior division championship for Zone 3 didn't come easy, as the Pleasant Hill II Ward team and its followers will tell you.

The team members are a group to be proud of, not only for their precision play, but for their love of one another and their very high quality of sportsmanship.

The new All-Church championship team consists of Mark Andersen, Steve Conn, Bill Matthews, Tim Matthews, Dan Mehr, Martin Patrick, Kevin Theriot, Mike Van Leuvan, Kim West and John Wood. Coaching the young men was Garner Wood.

Many people helped make champions of the team: but, one person contributed as much or more than any other individual--the one the team calls its "technical advisor," Sonny Fonoimoana. First, he taught the fellows to say his name; second, to love playing the game fair; third, to listen to their coach, and last, to never lose sight of the goal.

The Pleasant Hill II Ward team played Winder II Ward of Salt Lake City, the team that finished second in All-Church last spring.

This time around, Pleasant Hill defeated the Winder team twice in preliminary rounds, only to have the Salt Lake squad work its way back into the championship set.

In that final match, Pleasant Hill won the first game of three by 15-7, while Winder took the second game, 15-9. In the do-or-die game, Pleasant Hill led, 10-1, but Winder came back to tie it at 10-10.

However, good blocking and floor play eventually won it for Pleasant Hill II, 16-14.

The Walnut Creek Stake team had the largest, best-yelling rooting section at the tournament--67 strong, all the way from Zone 3. And, they gave it their all.

Coach Wood couldn't "take" the last few minutes and would go in and out of the gym: he couldn't watch; and, yet he couldn't stay away. Sonny was almost paralyzed with excitement and Bishop Burr just plain shed tears of joy!

They didn't just happen to win. This was their third try. They had a goal, kept sight of it and worked diligently until they reached it.

It took each player supporting his teammates, long hours of practice, many late dinners, prayers, attendance at meetings, excellent coaching and a lot of determination. These boys planned for this championship. They made time to practice together, and disciplined themselves.

They found the best coach they could get--then, listened to his criticism, followed his advice and kept working at their skill until they felt confidence within themselves. And, they kept up their attendance at Church meetings.

As one mother (Dorothy Matthews) put it, "All the late suppers, heavy schedules, sweating bodies were forgotten as the first game was being played. The thing that impressed me most, other than the outstanding plays and recoveries that the boys made, was the smooth operation of the Church organization, the good sportsmanship that was displayed in every game. There never was a question of honesty regarding touches of the net, etc. They had practiced so long with honesty that it became natural.

"Even after losing a game, in a three-game set, there was nothing but love shown toward each other. Long after the excitement of the win is over, there will still be in the hearts of the boys and their parents a moment that they shared together--a moment of great pride and happiness. I am thankful to my Heavenly Father that the Church has such a program that can develop boys into men..learning how to win and how to lose. After all, that is what life is all about."

CHAMPS---Pleasant Hill II Ward's All-Church champions pose following their triumph in Salt Lake City: Top row (l. to r.)--Sonny Fonoimoana, coach; Bill Matthews, Tim Matthews, Mark Andersen, Martin Patrick, Mike Van Leuvan, Garner Wood, coach. Front (l. to r.)--Dan Mehr, John Wood, Steve Conn, Kim West, Kevin Theriot.

Sports Action

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Area Athletes Capture Spirit Of Victory

By Gary Wood
Sports Editor

Things are looking up, athletically speaking.

In the recent past, sports teams and individual athletes from this area have performed outstandingly well in All-Church competition in Salt Lake City, compared with the record of bygone years.

Volleyball teams representing Oakland Fourth Ward, Oakland-Berkeley Stake, have to take a large share of the credit for awakening Church sports fans in general to the fact that Bay Area teams could win the All-Church championship trophy.

Before Oakland Fourth's volleyballers began a string of five straight All-Church titles in 1965, teams from Zone 3 had performed well in Salt Lake City but had brought home no first place trophies, to the knowledge of this writer.

Once the ice had been broken, however, others got into the swim. Pleasant Hill Second Ward's junior volleyball team placed third last spring in the All-Church tourney, and Polynesian Ward of San Francisco Stake finished second in the senior division of the same competition.

Then, in the All-Church golf tournament in August, Tom Jensen of Fremont Ward, Fremont Stake, won a sudden death playoff to claim the first place trophy in the senior division. In junior play, 13-year-old Mark Tinder of Pacific Grove Ward, Monterey Bay Stake, carded a 150 to tie for second place and was followed by Rod Badger of Menlo Park Ward, Palo Alto Stake, who shot a 151 for third place.

Next came softball, and El Cerrito-Berkeley Ward, Oakland-Berkeley Stake, finished second in Salt Lake City. They lost to another nearby team, Modesto Ward of Modesto Stake, by a single run, 8-7, in the All-Church championship contest in August.

In the All-Church volleyball tournament Oct. 30-31, Pleasant Hill Second Ward, Walnut Creek Stake, defeated all comers to win the first place trophy in the junior division, while Polynesian Ward again took second place in the senior bracket.

Space does not permit mention of all teams and individuals from the Bay Area that have represented their home ward, region and zone so well against the rugged competition that is the name of the game in Salt Lake City.

The above are mentioned as sterling examples of exceptional success as a result of determination and untiring effort on the party of many.

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Book Review...

"Uranium Fever Or No Talk Under $1 Million"

Dear Editor:

I have just finished reading an exciting new book. At a time when publishers are saturating the book stands with diaries of disgruntled ex-employees, confused and inconsistant governmental committee reports, white papers on newly discovered subversive organizations and shock novels that claim to tell it like it is, it was a real joy to get lost in the pages of a rattling good story.

"Uranium Fever or No Talk Under $1 Million" came out this year. It is co-authored by Raymond W. Taylor and his brother, our own Samuel W. Taylor. The MacMillan Company of New York are the publishers.

Frankly I do not believe the title will "turn you on" and I am sorry the Taylor brothers did not tease the readers with something like "An Instant-rich Eccentric and the Mormons" or "Watch Our Uranium Dust!".

Nothing in the title suggests that the book contains an expertly researched chapter on the uranium age and its impact on our present economic and domestic way of life. Or a critical commentary of the operation of the Atomic Energy Commission and an in depth account of the Oppenheimer affair.

The story opens with the author, Raymond setting out from Provo, Utah, on a fishing trip and deciding to make a quick side trip to Short Creek,Arizona, to visit "Adam," a leader of "a cult which still practiced the old-time Mormon doctrine of polygamy"!

What happens on that trip transports you on a wild ride with staccato stops to experience a murder mystery, near death in the desert, dramatic rescues and an interesting hint of romance that leaves you wondering. A marvelous tale is woven from the many adventures of the men and women who wanted their chance to "make it" or meeting fame or failure in the Utah-Colorado hills in search of the twentieth century gold-dust-----uranium!

If you are familiar with the locale of the story there is the added fillip of "knowing" just where that event took place. You might even know the "office" at Jacob's Lake.

Then, dear editor, I wanted to tell you about the movie Sam Taylor was making for Warner Broters to pictorialize the "uranium rush" and how his brother happened to become the star of that epic. And the fact that you could not buy even a glass of--milk in some Utah towns on a Sunday.

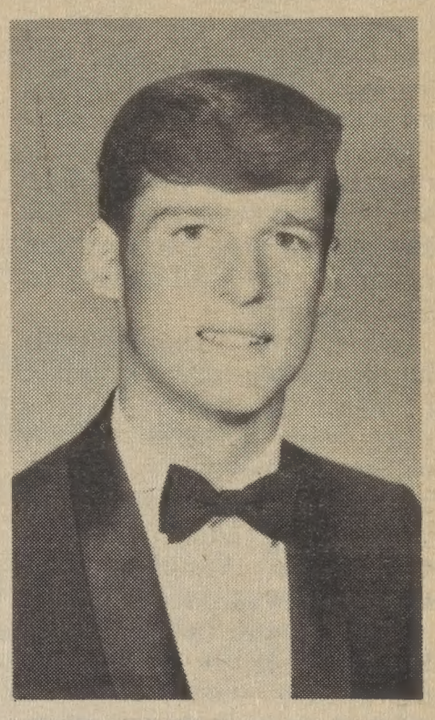
And about Dan who made three and a half million from his original investment and remodeled his house at Moab. It was really nice when he finished, worth maybe fifteen thousand dollars! And about the language the writer uses, not many people drive a "machine" these days or "tool a Merc".

A sensitive reader will not fail to appreciate the deep affection between the Taylor brothers as manifested in their many un-spoken understandings and their continuous exchange of sparkling bons mots. This family solidarity is reflected in the entire Taylor clan when they all gather to vote "to go for the big bundle".

The book is a happy combination of personal happenings and true experiences of others in an effort to determine what it is in human nature that drives one to strike it rich.

Sam tells me that his new book on Nauvoo is scheduled for spring publication. In the meantime get "Uranium Fever" and have a wonderful time!

Nell Smith



MIKE BUTLER CALLED: Phil and Vonna Butler are proud to announce, their son Michael has received his mission call. He will be laboring in the Manitoba-Minnesota mission.

Mike has previously been attending Chabot College, he plans to finish out this semester and report to the mission home in Salt Lake City on January 9th. Mike is a member of the Hayward 2nd Ward.

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Berkeley. It consists of a free telephone "checking service," for anyone living alone. Once a day, a volunteer will call to see if everything is all right and if there is no answer, a second call will be made to a neighbor, friend, or relative to follow up and determine if all is well.

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Temple Hill Park:

Last month we suggested the creation of a "playing field" and park below the temple, in the natural amphitheater created by the two hills outlining Peralta Creek. It will take some promoting and planning to carry it off but will fill a long felt need and provide an outdoor recreational center for the Mormons and their friends for many years to come.

Several people have expressed their interest in doing this. Now that you have had a while to think about it--what is your reaction? Please let us know. A card or phone call will do.

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The Main Forum

The Gospel in Perspective

Our Trip To Japan

By LaRue Matney

While visiting Japan we had the opportunity to attend the ward in Tokyo. The church building itself was very beautiful and it was an interesting experience to meet the members from the United States living in Japan. These people taught in the university and worked in the embassy. This particular Sunday it was Fast Sunday and almost everyone attending had the opportunity to bear their testimonies. We were especially impressed and moved by the spiritual atmosphere experienced by all attending this meeting.

We also visited Expo 70 and the Mormon Pavillion. the Mormon Pavillion, under the supervision of Elder Brockbank of the Council of the Twelve, was one of the most effective and most meaningful presentations in the entire Expo 70. Elder Brockbank, his lovely wife, and the missionaries are receiving many referrals because of this magnificent and meaningful pavillion and its program presentation. It was definitely inspirational to see the work being done by these members. Because of the astute knowledge of the Japanese language and culture, the United States Pavillion at Expo 70 hired many Mormon missionaries to serve as guides and directors which is an honorable experience and compliment to these members and our church.

The Japanese people themselves were most gracious, kind and humble to us while we were visiting their country. They are a most industrious people and no matter what their

particular station in life they take pride in all they do.

We attended the first International Dental Convention held in Tokyo. At one particular session we were informed by the Japanese Dentists of a program by which the handicapped children in Tokyo were supplied with the dental treatment they needed. This treatment was supplied without charge and was an important aspect of dentistry for the Japanese Dentists. Again this is indicative of the pride taken by the Japanese people in their work. There are an overwhelming number of handicapped children in this country to be cared for, due to its immense population.

Over-all, we were impressed with the qualities and values maintained by this country and we were proud of the efforts being put forth to inform these people of the LDS Church and its Gospel.

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Word of Wisdom Dimensions

By Don Phillips

Up to now I have indicated problems involving the present day foods that we must eat in order to survive in this state of mortality. However, I want to make one point very clear; I am not endeavoring to enlist revolutionaries for the job of overthrowing our food industries!

Quite the contrary, there are reasons for the methods of some present day food production which I will discuss in a moment. In the meantime I want you to remember that the subject of this discussion is, "Is supplementary diet necessary to our daily living?"

To help you better understand the reasoning behind a supplementary diet you must first realize a few very basic facts about yourself. Biologically speaking your body is in a constant around-the-clock struggle for survival; that is, the balance between deterioration and revitalization.

Aside from health deterrents already mentioned, your body is being attacked by other agents such as smog, infra-red rays, wind, chemicals, strontium 90, poisons, etc.

Add to this the tensions that cause you to get upset at trivial things; in other words, your own private war of nerves (the sign of the times); lack of sufficient rest, and the strains of physical activities.

The greatest wars of this world are nothing compared to wars your body wages against destructive invaders, continually mending internal tissues and organs (that well-recognized system of "check and balance"), fighting invaders which weaken the body and make it susceptable to colds, sickness and disease.

The simple truth is, when the invaded body can no longer pace its revitalization with deterioration its resistance will become lower and lower until the invader surges ahead unchecked. At this point, unless a miracle occurs, death is the final result.

Just as the quality of fuel determines your automobile's performance, so quality of nutritional intake determines your body's performance. Can today's abundant variety of food provide today's nutritional needs? Actually, what we are talking about isn't **abundance** of food; we are talking about the nutritional **value** of food.

America's food industry has served we Americans marvelously well in devising techniques for producing enough food stuffs to feed our population of 200,000,000 with surplus (also producing it in cost saving ways for the consumers).

However, food raised today isn't equal to yesteryear's (including the victory garden variety) since it's now chemically grown, processed and preserved, causing it to lose some nutritional value (while many then **overcook** it, thereby losing more nutritional value).

Considering that times are different now than yesterday, you are subject to a society that moves at an unprecedented, accelerated pace that you must stay up with to exist. Taking this and all preceding facts into account, doesn't it make sense that your modern day body help to sustain itself? Wouldn't it seem to you that a supplementary diet of vitamins and minerals is necessary to our daily living? To this question I let you be your own judge.

Until next month, may God bless you with health and happiness.

Samuel W. Taylor

Golden Gate Saints

A History Of The Church In California...Part 4

Newspaper items of recent months have kindled public interest in a subject which Mormons always find fascinating, the origin of the American native races. In July the Norwegian scientist, Thor Heyerdahl, completed a 3,000-mile trip across the Atlantic in a boat of papyrus reeds such as the ancient Egyptians used.

In October we learned that the puzzle of an inscription found in a Tennessee burial mound in 1885 was solved when Cyrus H. Gordon of Brandies University turned it around --- it always had been studied upside down. Gordon said the writing apparently was of Jewish origin, with supporting evidence that Jews may have been in North America a thousand years before Columbus.

In November, four young men landed at Australia on a balsa-log raft after a 7,000-mile trip across the Pacific from Ecuador. During the same month two Australians, Michael and Marie Wignall, arrived at San Francisco after having crossed the other way in a small sailing craft.

Now if we go back sixteen years to May 11,1954, we will find the first publicity in the Oakland Tribune regarding a projected attempt to prove the Book of Mormon's authenticity by manning a raft that would float from the Gulf of Persia across the Indian Ocean, though the Indonesian Archipelago, and across the Pacific to Guatemala in an estimated 344 days.

The raft was called the Lehi, and its skipper, DeVere Baker, was a handsome shipbuilder with a marked resemblance to Errol Flynn, the actor. Baker had been a bishop in the Bay Area, which in the public mind implied church sponsorship of the expedition, a situation which proved embarrassing to local Mormons. They wished him luck; but he was on his own.

Baker constructed the Lehi in the Sausalito shipyards he formerly had owned, putting a year's time and most of his capital ---$30,000---into the craft. It was to sail from the Golden Gate on a shakedown cruise to Hawaii, then be hauled by freighter to the Gulf of Persia for the long trip back the other way.

During these voyages the raft would carry neither food nor water, to prove the feasibility of living off the sea.

The expedition caught the public fancy, and there was a great deal of publicity attending final preparations for the trip. Miss California, Lee Ann Meriwether (who became Miss America the following year), christened the Lehi before a large crowd at Richardson's Bay, and in mid-July it was towed out the Golden Gate and released.

Very shortly the Lehi expedition became acutely embarrassing. After all the bold words about living off the sea, the Lehi radioed an SOS within three days after leaving the Golden Gate.

Exactly what happened is difficult to ascertain. There was a storm at sea; yet the raft was built to withstand it. Baker attributed the SOS to a nervous breakdown on the part of the radio operator. However, the entire crew, including Baker, were ready to be rescued when the ship Metapan answered the call for help, and took the adventurers from the raft.

Baker expected the Coast Guard to tow the Lehi back to port. This the Coast Guard refused to do. The Lehi was left adrift ---"over $30,000 worth of raft and equipment gone to say nothing of years of planning and hard work," Baker recounted. "We chased that little raft all the

way down the Southern California coast.

A fishing vessel finally secured her and brought her up on Guadalupe Island, left her there, and notified us as to her whereabouts.

By the time we arrived, a high tide had washed her off the beach, and she was merrily on her way into the Humbolt Current, consistently averaging her forty miles a day---as did the ancients who came to, or left from, this continent hundreds of years ago."

Certainly the Lehi was seaworthy. Over a period of years it was boarded several times, and perhaps it still is drifting with the currents.

The enormous amount of tongue-in-cheek publicity accompanying the Lehi fiasco might have caused a lesser man to creep into a hole to lick his wounds. Baker, however, immediately liquidated all remaining assets, borrowed to the limit of his credit, and began building Lehi II.

Disaster attended this second attempt. In fact, it was not until he had built Lehi IV that Baker succeeded in making the original shakedown cruise to Hawaii in 1958, four years and many adventures after the initial attempt.

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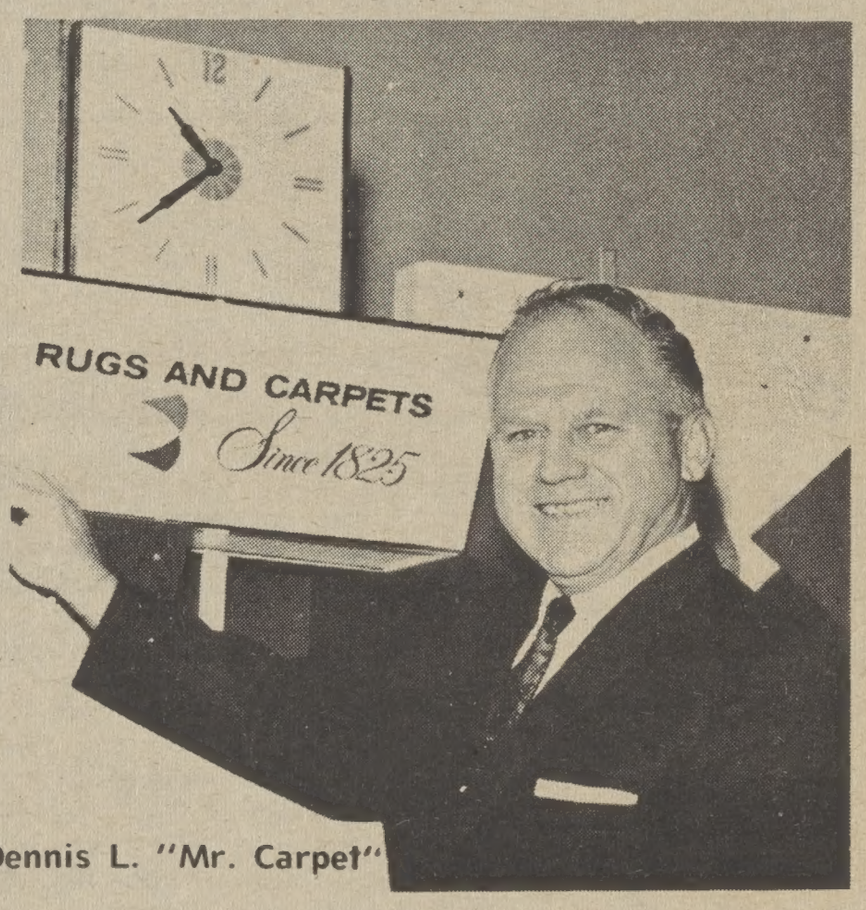

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